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FRAUD COMMITTED INVOLVING SALE OF AIRCRAFT PARTS

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that BRADLEY HUGGINS, 37, of Chico California was arraigned yesterday, July 8, 2003 before Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller. HUGGINS pleaded not guilty to one count of fraud involving the sale of aircraft parts, and one count of making a false statement to an agent with the federal aviation administration. HUGGINS was arrested on July 7, 2003 in Chico, and is out on bail. HUGGINS was indicted by a federal grand jury on, July 2, 2003, and he will be back in court again on July 22, 2003 before District Court Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. at 9:30 a.m.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Patrick K. Hanly, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that Huggins sold an engine in interstate commerce representing it had only 150 hours of flight time, when in fact it had over 1900 hours of flight time. The indictment also alleges that Huggins made a false statement to the FAA agent investigating the case about is purchase of the engine and his receipt and possession of the engine log book.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for the offenses alleged is 10 years and 5 years respectively. Each crime carries a fine of \$250,000.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Department of Transportation.

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